By: Pitts H.B. No. 347

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to prohibiting using a wireless communication device while
- 3 operating a motor vehicle on school property.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 545.425(b), Transportation Code, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), an operator may
- 8 not use a wireless communication device while operating a motor
- 9 vehicle within a school crossing zone, as defined by Section
- 10 541.302, Transportation Code, or on the property of a public or
- 11 private elementary or middle school unless:
- 12 (1) the vehicle is stopped; or
- 13 (2) the wireless communication device is used with a
- 14 hands-free device.
- 15 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
- 16 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
- 17 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
- 18 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
- 19 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
- 20 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
- 21 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
- 22 before that date.
- 23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.